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tanning, carpentry, and arts such as drawing, levelling, surveying, shorthand, typewriting and other useful commercial subjects.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

61. ***Encouragement of Ezhavas in technical studies.***

Mr. N. Kumaran Ashan (Member, Nominated) thanked the Government for the present liberal policy inaugurated by the new Education Code and for the prompt action taken in throwing open some of the Sirkar Schools which had remained closed to Ezhava children on some ground or other, and he hoped that, in a couple of years, the educational disabilities of the community, under the wise educatonal policy of the Government, would be a thing of the past.

The Ezhavas were a backward community, especially in general and higher education. The community had only a few men who had received higher education, and there were not many in the Colleges prosecuting their studies for University degrees. Materially also, the community was backward, and there were not many families who could afford to give their young men a higher professional and techuical training in Europe or America.

When, in the past, the Government resolved on sending some young men to Europe, the choice was confined to two communities, the Nairs and the Christians. He said that the Ezhavas were a very important section of His Highness' subjects and their backwardness entitled them to some substantial encourgement at the hands of the Government, more than any other equally important community in the State. He therefore requested that the Government might be pleased to grant scholarships for technical studies in Europe — including professional and essentially technical subjects — to qualified Ezhava students, as a special consideration of the backward condition of the community.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The Assembly adjourned at 5 P. M.

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